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This issue of the Suwanian is dedicated to the future generations of students at Shipshewana High School.

Every class which passes through these halls will charge them with a breath of its own spirit. May the part of you that is left behind make your school, your community, your world, a better place in which to live.

We salute the future!

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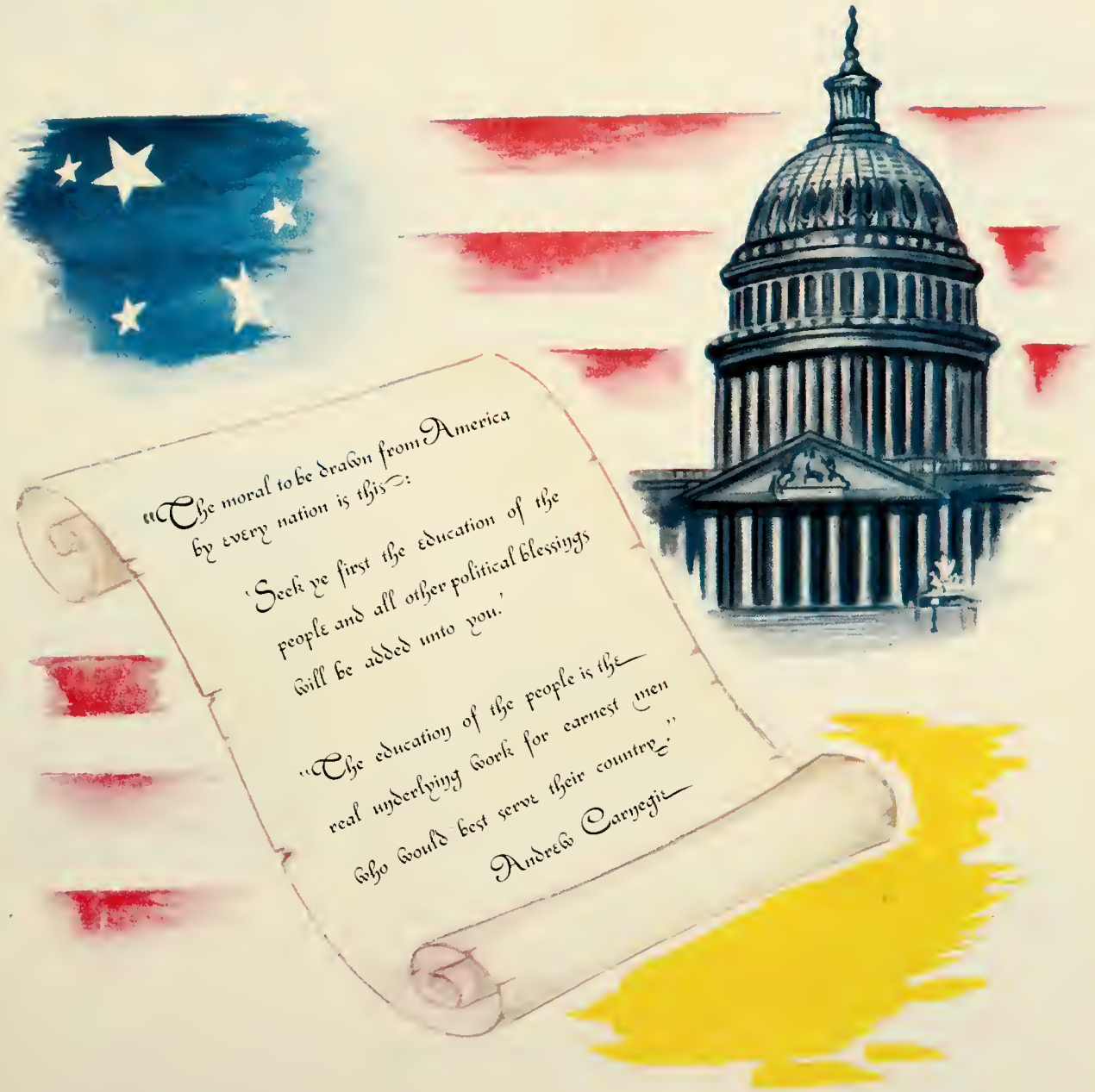

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Annual Staff 12

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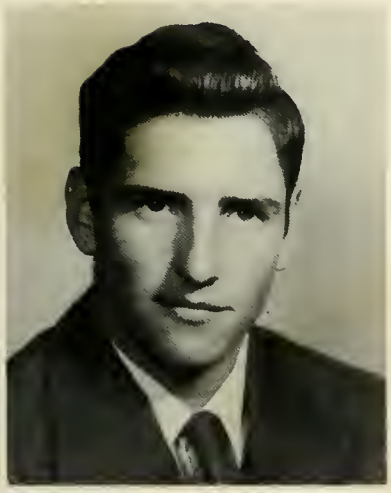

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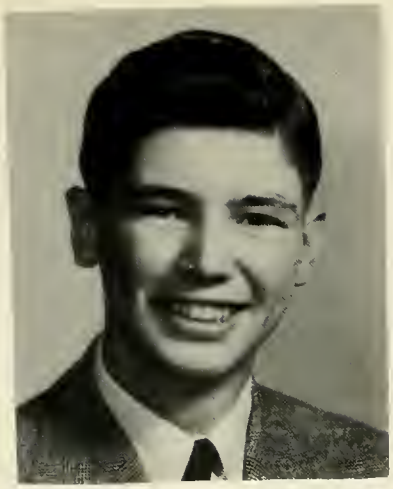

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Convocations

October 12.....Field Day.....6 weeks treat

October 20.....Riley Day.....Seniors

November 3.....Sale.....Lost & Found Box

November 10.....Minister.....Rev. Fox

November 17....."My Friend Flicka".....6 weeks treat

December 16.....Baillie Show

December 22.....Chapel.....Rev. Lowry

December 23.....Christmas Program and Exchange

January 20.....Chapel.....Rev. Airey

January 23..Question and Answer Period..6 weeks treat

February 9.....Charles Ainley-Sponsored by Tri-Hi-Y

February 16.....Chapel.....Rev. Stanic

February 17....."Heidi".....6 weeks treat

March 16.....Chapel.....Rev. Fox

April 6.....Baillie Show

April 13.....Chapel.....Rev. Harris

CLASS HISTORY

On September 6, 1938, thirty of us came tripping merrily to Shipshewana School, to find out what school life really is like. My! We had a wonderful time learning to work and play together during those first six years.

Ah! Now we had arrived in Junior High with a class membership of twelve. This was really fun. We no longer had our scheduled recesses, but we did have a little time between classes to rest our weary minds for a little bit (and to get rid of some of our excess energy.)

Finally in the fall of 1946 we came back, not as part of the Junior High but as part of the real, genuine High School with twenty-one members. Our class officers for our Freshmen year were as follows: Pres., David Yoder; V. Pres., DeWayne Bontrager; Sec., Mary Jo Bontrager; Treas., Robert Yoder. Several weeks after school was in session, we were initiated with a bang.

In our Sophomore year we chose as our class officers: Pres., DeWayne Bontrager; V. Pres., David Yoder; Sec., Mary Jo Bontrager; Treas., Barbara Carpenter. This year we had the privilege of initiating the Freshies. We took advantage of our opportunity too. We also chose for our class colors black and gold and ordered our class sweaters.

Now we were finally juniors. Our class officers were: Pres., Dewayne Bontrager; V. Pres., David Yoder; Sec., Mary jo Bontrager; Treas., Robert Yoder. We got our class rings and pins during this year. During the second semester we presented our play "Your's Truly Willie". Then came the high spot of our Junior year; the Junior-Senior Reception. We took the Seniors to Pokagon State Park for our banquet and had a wonderful time.

Here we are. Seniors with a class membership of thirteen. We still have four original members who started here in the first Grade. These members are: Mary Jo Bontrager, William Haarer, Robert Mishler, and David Yoder. We, no doubt, have made quite a few mistakes but hope to benefit by them. We hope to leave something that will have helped to build up the school and to have left a good example to the students who are year after year coming to take our place. This year we elected the following as class officers: David Yoder, Pres.; Robert Yoder, V. Pres.; Sally Hart, Sec.; DeWayne Bontrager, Treas. For our class motto we Chose "Today Decides Tomorrow". During the first semester we gave our play "Beads On a String". We decided to go to the Smokey Mountains for our Senior Trip. Now we are presenting to you our annual, the SUWANIAN.

Last Will and Testament

I, Rollin Schrock, will my "know how" of going steady to Mary Lou Prough and Ruby Fern Miller.

I, Harriet Himes, will my instrument playing ability to Marchetta Foss and Leroy Sharick.

I, Bill Haarer, will my book knowledge and keen mind to Dick Troyer.

I, Jim Miller, will my athletic ability to Frank Hooley. You're doing alright, Frank.

I, Sally Hart, will my ability to get along with boys to Phyllis Nelson, Dolores Nelson, and Lauretta Bender.

I, Bob Yoder, will my love of brunettes to Lonnie Nofzinger.

I, Ernie Lobsiger, will my knowledge of science to Mervin Hostetler and Lois Yoder.

I, Dave Yoder, will my leadership ability and love of the fine arts to Billy Smith and Patty Bender.

I, Bob Mishler, will my ability to play the piano and mirimba to Daniel Miller and Mary Etta Mishler.

I, Donna Mae Bowman, will my spunk and ability to be a home-maker to Alverda Glick.

I, DeWayne Bontrager, will my ability to play ball and "punch Cows" to Loren Frey and Donnie Pletcher.

I, Roger Krugh, will my innocent look to Doris Mishler to use when the teacher is looking.

I, Mary Jo Bontrager, will my Tri-Hi-Y leadership to Margaret Miller.

To the whole Junior class the Senior's will their ability to get along with the teachers. It might come in handy next year, Juniors.

CLASS POEM

Good evening folks, if you'd like a chat,
   Just pull up a chair and take off your hat.
I'll tell you of folks that are "pert and nifty";
   In our senior class of nineteen fifty.

We're blest with an orator, by now of great fame,
   He's also class president and David's his name.
Likes "batching with boy friends", Oh! What a life,
   He'll weary of this and ask for a wife.

DeWayne is our treasurer and "dream man", I hear,
   He's loved by the ladies from far and from near.
He's bound for Alaska--so lot's of good luck!
   But we'll always remember that he wrecked
                the "old truck".

The youth of us all is adored Mary Jo,
   A dark-haired girl who always has a beau.
A dainty, refined, and musical lass,
   The willing helper of all in the class.

Bob Mishler plays the "ivories" and marimba, you know,
   Seems he's got lots of talents and ability to show.
But in traveling he needs a horse or "sich",
   For he drives his pop's car right in the ditch.

Roger Krugh is best known to us as "Supe",
   He is the best comedian in the whole group.
He keeps his jaws in motion with gum and a song,
   And his favorite pastime is playing ping-pong.

We'll next mention Rollin, a product of Schrocks,
   For his furry top, he has pretty red locks.
He has only one girl friend 'tis easy to see,
   She stays like his shadow from 8 until 3.

Harriet is jolly and full of fun,
   Well liked by almost every one.
A missionary-teacher she plans to be,
   In the state just north of Tennessee.

Ernie is just different; he cuts quite a role,
   There's no other like him from pole to pole.
His hobbies are photography and model airplanes,
   And he takes little interest in what boys call "flames".

Bob Yoder is "cute" and as neat as a pin,
   The girls wish he had an identical twin,
He picks on brunettes, it's plain to be seen,
   He really steps out for a boy of seventeen.

Next we'll meet Bill, the genius of all,
Many hours of hard study I'm sure he'll recall.
He's a boy with high standards, a promising lad,
A teacher He'll make and a mighty fine dad.

Donna Mae is quite grown-up and sophisticated too;
You never know just what she thinks or will do.
She's quiet and peaceful with no desire to roam,
We think she'll be a "maker" in somebody's home.

Our class would be quite incomplete without a bashful one,
And we have him in Jimmy, Orva Miller's son.
He's good at playing basketball and also keeping rules,
But forgets his timid spirit--meeting girls from other schools.

Sally is the shortest and the "kid" of us all,
Envies folk who are slim and quite tall.
Especially likes music, horses, and men.
God only knows where she'll stop and when.

Dear principal and teachers, we've caused you to fret,
But the mercy you've shown us, we'll never forget.
When we're all examined in earth's final run,
May we make it to heaven and hear His "well done".

PROPHECY

The year 1960 has arrived and that means I must now go from house to house counting noses.

As I'm driving in the suburbs of a small town, I stop at a cute little cottage where I see Donna Bowman out in the yard directing children at play in a day nursery. I stop to see my old chum, and she tells me that she married her high school sweetheart and started her own nursery with four.

During one stretch of my hourney, I stop at a small log cabin at the opening of a large national forest. I see DeWayne Bontrager, former basketball star, coming to meet me. He is dressed in the uniform of a Forest Ranger. He informs me that he married a girl he rescued in the woods, and they now have six children.

Nearing civilization again I come to a large palatial home. As I stand patiently awaiting the doorbell, Dave Yoder, a former president of our class, answers the bell. He tells me he is now the Ambassador to Norway, and he often takes his wife and three children with him on his trips.

Approaching the driveway of a nice suburban home, I notice on the door the name of Roger Krugh, a former ping-pong champ of Shipshe High. When I inquire about the number in his family, his pretty blonde wife tells me that they have five little youngsters. Roger is supposed to be a comedian on the radio and has a program of his own.

Going to a secluded mansion on a hill, I discover that a Former classmate of mine owns this house. It is Ernie Lobsiger, who now is a scientist specializing on rocket ships. He proudly introduces me to his wife and two children.

Coming to a rather large house near the edge of a small town, I stop to see who lives here and how many members of the household there are. A sign that advertises wallpapering and painting is in the front yard. Asking for the head of the house, I am surprised to see it is Robert Mishler. He tells me he has built up a prosperous business with the help of his wife and four children.

As I drive to the grounds of a large orphanage, I ask for the superintendent of the home. I discover that Harriet Himes is the "Mother" to these children. She married the president of this institution, and she also has three children of her own. I am glad she has realized her desire to help the underpriviledged.

Coming to a large house, I see five red-heads playing in a large yard. I recognize them as being the children of a former classmate of mine. Rollin (Red) Schrock answers the doorbell and I see he married his high school sweetheart. He tells me his occupation is being an efficiency expert. He believes children come cheaper by the dozen!

As I approach a cozy cottage, my attention is arrested by the strains of some beautiful music. A dark haired girl leads me into the music room and there is Mary Jo Bontrager, accompanying her violinist husband. She tells me that she goes with her husband on his concert tours to accompany him.

Traveling in the country again I notice on a large dairy barn the name Robert E. Yoder. I recognize the name as being a graduate of the class of 1950. I meet Bob in the yard and he takes me to the house to meet his wife from the freshmen class and children. He informs me that he was the first one married in his class.

Driving down the highway, I stop at the next house to see how many occupants this home has. I see to my surprise that the head of this home is Jim Miller, former high school athlete. He tells me he is the second baseman for the zollner Pistons. His family includes his pretty brunette wife and three boys who are sprouting ball players.

Leaving the town for the open highway again, I approach a large horse farm. As I drive in to see how many live in this home, who should answer the door but sally Hart. She always was fond of horses. She tells me she married a rancher and has brought up her five children to be good horseman also.

The next house I come to is a cozy cottage. When I stop to inquire about the census, a pretty brunette house wife answers the door. She informs me she is the wife of Bill Haarer, former classmate of mine. He is now the principal at the high school in this town and also raises an orchard on the side with the help of their two children.

Since I have found out what I principaly wanted to find out, that of knowing the where-abouts of my former classmates; I will let my assistant take over to finish taking the 1960 census.

DRAMATICS

"YOURS TRULY WILLIE"

Our junior play "Yours Truly Willie" was presented March 25. This play depicted the trials that a typical American family endured as their adolescent son grew up.

The cast of characters for this play included the following: Bill, Haarer, Donna Bowman, Mary Jo Bontrager, DeWayne Bontrager, Harriet Himes, Sally Hart, David Yoder, Bob Mishler, Ernie Lobsiger and Bob Yoder.

Rollin Schrock served as business manager, Jim Miller as stage manager, and Roger Krugh as prompter of this play. Miss Yeater directed the play.

"BEADS ON A STRING"

During our senior year we presented the three-act comedy "Beads On A String". The plot of this story centered around the efforts of the Davis family to qualify for an inheritance by dressing their only son as a girl.

Included in the cast of characters were the following: Donna Bowman, Bill Haarer, DeWayne Bontrager, Bob Yoder, Mary Jo Bontrager, David Yoder. Bob Mishler, Sally Hart, and Harriet Himes.

The production crew consisted of Jim Miller, stage manager; Rollin Schrock, business manager; Ernie Lobsiger, prompter; and Roger Krugh, cubbain puller. The director was Miss Yeater.

CLASS COLORS

BLACK & GOLD

CLASS FLOWER

ROSE

CLASS MOTTO

"TODAY DECIDES TOMORROW"

JUNIORS

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Row 1. Mervin Hostetler, Pres; Francis Hooley, V. Pres; Lois Yoder, Sec; Margaret Miller, Treas. Row 2. Pat Bender, Lauretta Bender, Marcheta Foss, Loren Frey, Daniel Miller. Row 3. Ruby Fern Miller, Doris Mishler, Mary Etta Mishler, Dolores Nelson, Phyllis Nelson. Row 4. Lonnie Nofzinger, Don Pletcher, Mary Lou Prough, LeRoy Sharick, Bill Smith. Row 5. Dick Troyer, Alverda Glick.

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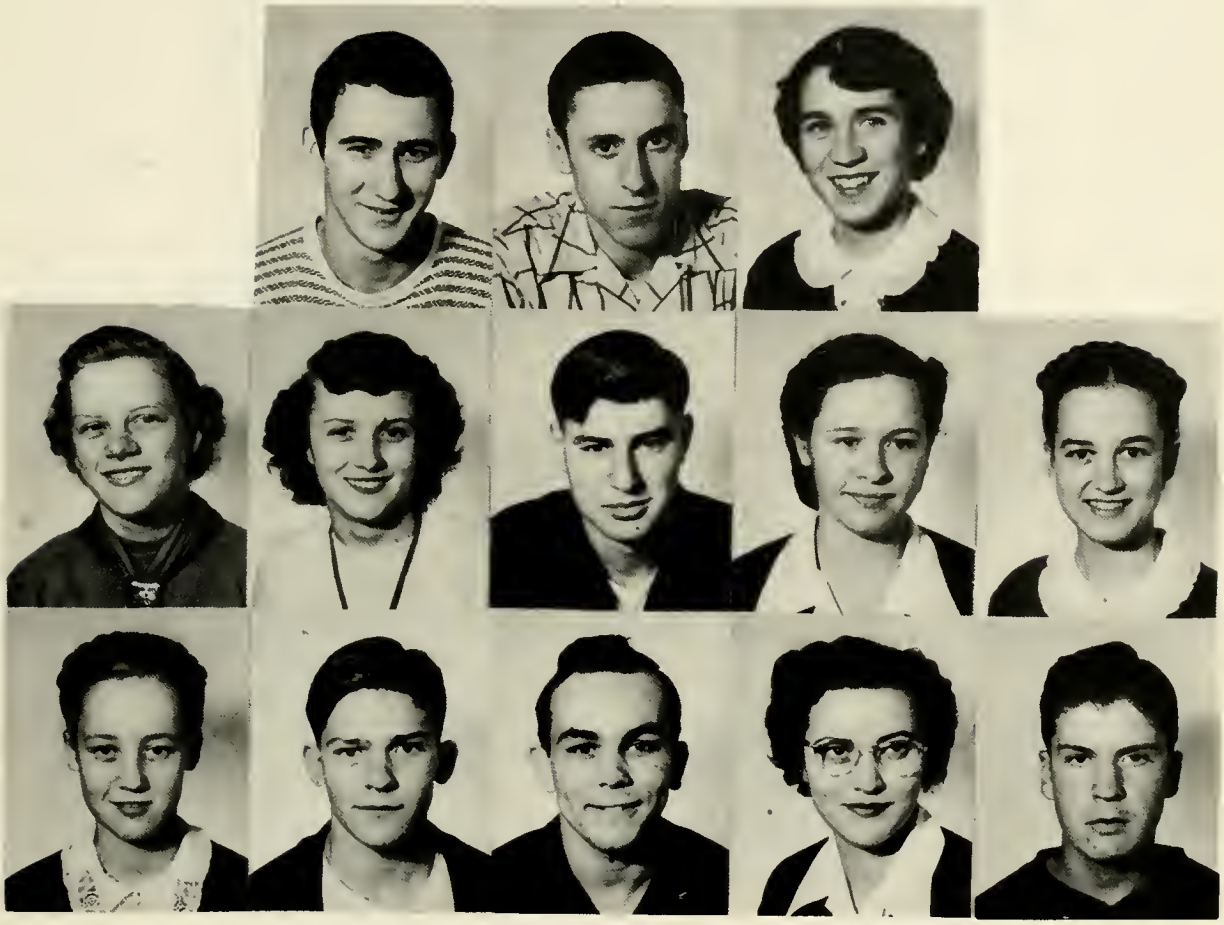

Top Row: John Nelson,Pres.;David Jones, Vice-Pres.; Nelda Brandeberry, Sec.-Tres.; Middle Row: Rachel Austin, Montey Bowman, Greg Hart, Pauline Hooley, Doris Lambright. Bottom Row:Janet Lambright Maurice Miller, Merlin Miller, Rose Ann Nelson, James Troyer.

FRESHMEN

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Row 1: Terry Yoder, Pres.; Don Hostetler, Vice-Pres.; Carolyn Brandeberry, Sec.-Tres. Row 2: Shirley Antonides, Gertrude Austin, Susan Baker, Verda Carpenter, Rachel Dillon, Row 3: Joe Everitt, Phil Fox, Samuel Haarer, Norman Heminger, James Lambright, Row 4: Rachel Lambright, Dwayne Miller, Jewel Miller, Doug Nelson, Malcolm Prough. Row 5: Ralph Rheinheimer, Stanley Rheinheimer, Sharon Weirich, Esther Yoder, Floyd Yoder, Janet Yoder, Ruby Miller.

JUNIORS

The result of our class election this year was as follows: Mervin Hostetler, president; Francis Hooley, vice-president; Lois Yoder, secretary; Margaret Miller, treasurer; and Mrs. Alene Pierson, sponsor. Student council representatives were Mervin Hostetler, Francis Hooley, Patty Bender, and Margaret Miller.

Our project at the county tourney was the soft drinks concession.

Highlights of the year for us were the presentation of the Junior Play entitled "The Daffy Dills" on March 31 and the Junior Senior Reception on April 25.

SOPHOMORES

The officers heading our class this year are as follows:John Nelson, president; David Jones, vice-president; Nelda Brandeberry, secretary-treasurer. Representatives on the Student Council were John Nelson, Nelda Brandeberry, and Maurice Miller.

The sophomores ordered their rings in October and received word that they would be shipped in February.

During the county tourney we contributed to our class treasury by operating a check room for coats.

One outstanding event of the year was a trip to Chicago which was taken in place of a class party.

FRESHMEN

Heading the freshman class this year were the following officers: Terry Yoder, president; Donald Hostetler, vice-president; Carolyn Brandeberry, secretary-treasurer; and Mr. Mathias,sponsor. Student Council representatives were; Samuel Haarer and Jewel Miller.

Our Project for the county tourney was selling candy.

We were thoroughly initiated into the "rigous" of high school life by the sophomore class in the afternoon and royally entertained by same at a party in the evening. This year instead of the traditional freshman-sophomore party the second semester, we enjoyed a bus trip to Chicago on Mar. 21 with Mr. Mathias, our sponsor.

ELEMENTARY

EIGHTH GRADE

Front Row: Julia Miller, Elmer Wingard, James Miller, Maurice Berkey, David Glick, Samuel Schrock.
Back Row:Miss Carpenter, Sponsor; Mervin Miller, Robert Lambright Frank Schrock, Fred Schrock, Alfred Miller, Janet Foltz.

The officers of the eighth grade this year were: Janet Foltz, president; Mervin Miller, vice-president; Alfred Miller, secretary; James Miller, treasurer; and Miss Carpenter, sponsor. Our representative on the Student Council was Janet Foltz.

One of the highlights of the year for our class was a trip to South Bend on November 18 with our sponsor, Miss Carpenter. We visited the library, the airport and the Studebaker Plant.

SEVENTH GRADE

Front Row: Jim Knowles, Jay Dee Hostetler, Gerald Troyer, Miriam Weaver, Phyllis Himes, Sue Ann Miller, Ruth Mae Dillon, Carolyn Miller, Fanny Mae Bontrager, Marilyn Miller, Mary Catherine Miller.
Middle Row: Neal Jones, Joanne Walman, Martha Prough, Glendola Ebersol, Kenneth Stutzman.
Back Row: David Weaver, Eli Mast, Mary Schrock, Beverly Smith, Evelyn Lambright, Mary Jane Nelson, Henry Bontrager, Carroll Miller, Gerald Miller.

Officers of the seventh grade this year were as follows: Mary Jane Nelson, Pres.; Evelyn Lambright, V. Pres.; Gerald Miller, Sec.; Betty Mishler, Treas.; and Mr. Weaver, sponsor. Our student council member is Sue Ann Miller.

On November 9, 1950, we took a trip to South Bend with our sponsor, Mr. Weaver. We visited the museum and the Studebaker Factory.

This year Mr. Weaver conducted a junior chorus in which the seventh grade had an active part. We went Christmas Caroling with the high school chorus, and we helped in the grade operetta, "Suzanne". Also the junior chorus took part in the spring concert.

SIXTH GRADE

Front Row: Clifford Frey, Jerry J. Hite, Mary Jane Christner, Anna Sue Miller, Marion Lee Ebersol, Carol Sue Hooley, Mary Ellen Bontrager, Ruth Ann Miller, Nancey Ann Nelson.
Middle Row: Wayne Christner, Terry Krugh, Thomas Atwater, Marion Yoder, Shirley Yoder, Mary Louise Foltz, Marilyn Mae Bontrager Esther Schrock, Jonas Miller, Jacob Miller, William Knowles.
Back Row: Mr. Fast, teacher; Marilyn Hooley, Paul Miller, Jack Heminger, Robert Stutzman, Ernest Easterday, Dale Miller, Douglas Gruber, Bill Rheinheimer, Merlin Atwater.
Not on picture: Mattie Bontrager, Kathryn Eash, Robert Miller, William Nissley, Martha Kulp.

In spite of the noise and clamor made by construction crews, Room D. opened it's doors to thirty-two pupils beginning their sixth lap at the Shipshewana School on the first day of Sept. Eighteen boys and fourteen girls were initially enrolled in the class. Of these, twenty-four pupils reside in Newbury Township while eight are living in Clay Township. An additional member, Billy Knowles, coming from Niles, Mich. Joined our ranks on October 3. Martha Kulp, a transfer from Mishawaka, Ind., increased the total enrollment to thirty-four members on November 14.

Class officers were elected at the beginning of the year. Ernest Easterday became the president; Wayne Christner, vice-president; and Douglas Gruger, secretary. Nancy Nelson and Mary Louise Foltz were chosen as cheerleaders.

On December first the Sixth Grade journeyed to Middlebury and defeated their Sixth Grade basketball team with a score of 27-23.

Those participating in special roles of the operetta were; Paul Miller, Jerry Hite, Carol Sue Hooley, Marilyn Hooley, Marion Yoder,Nancy Nelson, Kathryn Eash, Martha Kulp, Jack Heminger, and Dale Miller; while many others sang in the operetta Chorus.

FIFTH GRADE

Front Row: James Miller, Corinne Schlabach, Louanne Rupp, Madonna Atwater, Carolyn Yoder, Leah Ann Yoder, Birdena Lambright, Daniel Haarer.
Middle Row: Elva Prough, teacher; Vera Louise Miller, Doris Smith Sarah Anne McCally, Byron Prough, Wayne Christner, Rita Rheinheimer, Patricia Bontrager.
Back Row: Phyllis Jean Miller, Bonnie Halferty, Charles Carpenter Abram Miller, Frederic Browwer, James Browwer, Henry Bontrager, Connie Giggy, Martha Fox.

Four new pupils from Clay Township joined us last fall. They are Madonna Atwater, Wayne Christner, Connie Giggy, and Bonnie Halferty. Phyllis Good,who was in our grade last year,is attending school in Fort Wayne this year. There are thirty-two of us; twelve boys and twenty girls.

On November fifth three of our mothers, Mrs. Kenneth Carpenter Mrs. Clare McCally, and Mrs. Perry Brouwer, accompanied us and Mrs. Prough on a trip to Elkhart, Where we visited the Central Fire Station, American Coating Mills, Associated Telephone Co. and the Elkhart Truth. George Brandeberry took us in his school bus. The trip was very interesting and enjoyable. We were pleased to see our picture in the Elkhart Truth the next day.

The following children had special parts in the operetta "Susanna's Christmas Auction" which was presented Dec. 22: Martha Fox, Byron Prough, Charles Carpenter and Connie Giggy.

Corinne Schlabach and Sarah Ann McCally have played in the band all year. Louanne Rupp started at Christmas time. Frederick and James Brouwer, and Patricia Bontrager started taking saxophone lessons in December.

We spent the first two days in the room on the first floor, then moved to the room on the north on the second floor. During the year we received a fine globe, a new set of maps, a new cork bulletin board, and three spacious cupboards and a new flag. Six new chairs were also added to our furnishings.

THIRD GRADE FOURTH GRADE

Front Row: Warren Gruber, Karen Sue Miller, Sherrill Hooley Verda Lee Weaver, Minerva Bender, Donald Ray Haarer, Robert James Hooley, Leon Yoder, Margaret Hostetler, Vonda Lee Bollinger.
Middle Row: Dennis Hooley, Walter Miller, James Troyer, Levi Mast Malcolm Bender, Willis Stutzman, Jimmie Howerton, Dolores Treece, Jane Bontrager, Ella Prough.
Back Row: Earna Bevington, teacher; Joann Miller, Darlene Miller, Terry Hite, Philip Dintaman, Allen Sharick, Dean Christner, Merritt Yoder, Marilyn Miller, Marilou Jones, Betty K. Yoder.

The third and fourth grade room had a total of forty-four pupils this year. Of this number thirty-three were enrolled from Newbury township. Eleven transgers and three new pupils, were received. Two withdrawals were Donald Haarer, Willis Stutzman.

This has been a very busy and profitable year for members of these grades. Some of the special activities have included using a microscope, making paper-mache animals, window-painting, building a miniature street of Shipshe, giving plays, science experiments, field trips for nature study, and visits to the libraryand locker. Parties were also enjoyed at Christmas and Valentine Day.

New equipment in the form of new cupboards for storage space and an improved bulletin board add to the appearance efficiency of this room.

SECOND GRADE

Back Row: Mrs. Nelson, teacher; Goldie Yoder, Martha Ellen Miller, Larry Miller, Janice Lambright, Steven Bower, David Nelson, Billy Seelig, Vernon Lambright, Bill Robertson, Rexetta Harshberger, Jeanette Atwater, Steven Hostetler, Atlee Miller.
Middle Row: Marilyn Berkey, Jane Marie Mast, Judith Ann Hostetler, Shirley Bontrager, Martha Louise Mishler, Katherine Harshberger, James Ervin, Richard Mishler, Richard Frey, Richard Smith, Carol Sue Hart, Fay Ann Mains, Wilbur Yoder.
Front Row: Amos Stutzman, Dolores Myers, Ervin Lee Hershberger, Larry Kauffman, Richard Gerber, Allen Morningstar, Esther Louise Miller, Floyd Stutzman, Junior Christner, Alton Gingerich, Donna Lee Yoder, Phyllis Dintaman.
Not on Picture: Orlan Eash, Lowell Showalter, Freeman Weaver, Harold Gaff. Judy Jones, Daniel Glick, Melvin Yoder, and John Nissley.

The total enrollment for the second grade was forty-eight this year. Nineteen of this number were transfers from Clay Township. Two new pupils, Susan Hartman And Donald Weaver came during the year.

Those from this room having special parts in the operetta were Steuen Bowen, Allen Morningstar, Richard Gerber, Richard Smith, and Bill Robertson.

Some special activites of this room were Christmas and valentine parties, story hours, and field trips for bird study. The Junior American Weekly newspaper was received during the first semester.

FIRST GRADE

Top Row: Mrs. Lupold, teacher; Ernest Schlabach, Karl Lambright, Amanda Miller, Judith Ann Bontrager, Maurice Yoder, Perry Eash, Roger Yoder, Clayton Sharick, Bruce Hostetler, Janice Knowles, Dorothy Haarer, Bobby Miller.
Middle Row: James Lee Haarer, Harvey Harshberger, Joyce Atwater, Levi Jones Jr., Joseph Wingard Jr., Harold Bontrager, Billy Schrock, Doris Miller, Donnie Schrock, James Hostetler, Serena Gerber, Marilyn Atwater, David Mishler.
Front Row: John Treece, Karen Lambright, Carolyn Bollinger, Larry Rheinheimer, Ronald Hooley, Ida Fern Schlabach, Carol Nelson, Leota Bontrager, Willie Miller, Sandra Miller.
Those absent: Ada Bontrager, Anna Mae Knepp, Perry Glick, Harry Glick, Olen Eash, Irene Frey.

Having had only a short time spent at school, our class has not obtained a long history. On Sept. 1st the group included 39 beginners. In a very few weeks 2 new members were added, namely: Janice Knowles and Robert Miller. This class has two sets of twins--Perry and Harry Glick, also Karl and Karen Lambright.

ATHLETICS

SOFTBALL

Back Row: James Mathias, Coach; Leroy Sherick; Donald Fletcher
Mervin Hostetler; James Miller; David Jones
Front Row: John Nelson; DWayne Bontreger; Francis Hooley; Roger
Krugh; Gregory Hart

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	Yr.	Pos.	W.	AB	H.	R.	E.	Pct.
J. Miller	Sr.	2b	2	32	8	6	4	.320
D. Bontreger	Sr.	c	0	32	9	6	1	.281
R. Krugh	Sr.	ss	4	33	7	10	8	.333
D. Fletcher	Jr.	3b	6	31	1	3	8	.290
M. Hostetler	Jr.	1b	1	32	7	1	5	.250
F. Hooley	Jr.	p	7	28	4	5	2	.333
L. Sherick	Jr.	cf	0	29	5	6	5	.172
L. Nofsinger	Jr.	rf	3	13	3	0	0	.461
J. Nelson	So.	lf	0	33	4	6	0	.121
D. Jones	So.	rf	1	5	0	0	0	.200
G. Hart	So.	rf	0	2	0	0	1	.000
D. Nelson	Fr.	rf	2	5	2	2	0	.400
T. Yoder	Fr.	lf	1	4	1	1	0	.500

Back Row: Mr. Mathias, coach; Phil Fox, Malcolm Prough, Ralph Rheinheimer, Dave Jones, Mert Miller, Norm Heminger, student mgr.
Front Row: Donald Hostetler, Terry Yoder, Doug Nelson, Stanley Rheinheimer, Joe Everitt.

TRACK

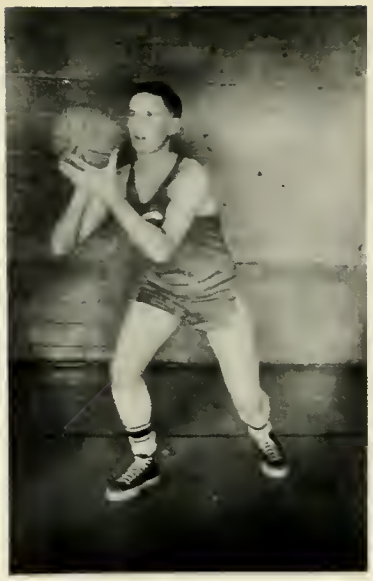
Back Row: Douglas Nelson, Terry Yoder, Ralph Rheinheimer, Loren Frey, Mervin Hostetler.
Third Row: Stanley Rheinheimer, Malcolm Prough, Joe Everitt, Phil Fox, Donald Hostetler.
Second Row: Richard Troyer, Jim Miller, Leroy Sharick, Roger Krugh, Frank Hooley, Daniel Miller.
Front Row: Rollin Schrock, DeWayne Bontrager, Don Pletcher, John Nelson, Dave Jones, Maurice Miller.

BASKETBALL

Back Row: Ralph Rheinheimer, Don Pletcher, John Nelson, Richard Troyer, Mervin Hostetler.
Front Row: Terry Yoder, Frank Hooley, DeWayne Bontrager, Jim Miller, Loren Frey, Douglas Nelson.

CHEER LEADERS

Sharon Weirich and Nelda Brandeberry

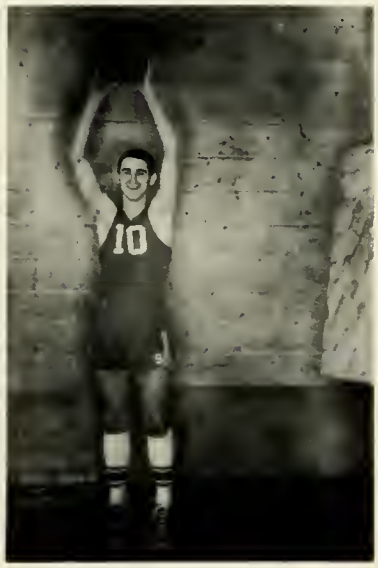


Merve Hostetler

Mr. Mathias(coach)

Jim Miller

DeWayne Bontrager



John Nelson

Don Pletcher

Frank Hooley

Norm Heminger(Mgr.)

Loren Frey

SPORTS

BASKETBALL

Shipshe's Indians came up with a hard-fighting, never-say-die basketball quintet for the 1949-50 season and proved themselves worthy of the fine school behind them. The Indians had more trouble with county teams than usual, but this was offset by the scoring of wins over Middlebury, Elkhart County Champs; and Ligionier, Noble County Champions.

The LaGrange County Tourney was held at Shipshewana last year. Below are listed the results:

Howe Military over Topeka 49-29, Lima over Scott 67-49, Wolcottville over Mongo 55-43, Shipshewana over LaGrange 62-51, Brighton over Howe Military 61-51, Shipshewana over Wolcottville 49-47 (whew!) Brighton over Lima 62-54, and the final tilt: Brighton 52, Shipshewana 44.

Things were looking up again for Shipshe when sectional time rolled around. The Indians entered this great event with a 15 won 6 lost record and tackled Ligionier in their first encounter. They edged them out by a 32-31 score, but came back that night to fall in front of a hot-shooting Wawaka bunch 45-34.

RESERVE SQUAD

The Reserve Squad of Shipshe High, composed of freshmen and sophomores, finished the season with the good record of 9 wins against 7 losses.

SOFTBALL

The Indian's Softball team was very successful this season, being ranked second in the county league. The Indians won five out of seven games played in the league, dropping contests to Topeka and Lima. They lost to Millersburg, but came back later to defeat them and end up the season with a margin of 9 won and 3 lost.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

			We	They
Sept.	1	Millersburg	8	14
	9	Mongo	7	4
	13	Wolcottville	11	6
	16	Topeka	0	9
	20	LaGrange	5	3
	21	Millersburg	2	1
	23	Lima	4	5
	26	Brighton	12	8
	30	Scott	1	0

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

			We	They
Nov.	4	Millersburg	40	35
	11	Scott	53	34
	15	Concord	38	59
	23	Rome City	55	29
Dec.	2	Middlebury	39	53
	6	Bristol	44	66
	9	Lima	45	30
	16	Brighton	52	60
	20	Topeka	49	33
	30	Middlebury	36	38
	30	Millersburg	70	44
Jan.	13	LaGrange	62	51
	14	W'ville	49	47
	14	Brighton	45	52
	24	Cromwell	49	38
	26	Middlebury	34	33
	31	Howe Mil.	38	34
Feb.	3	Topeka	42	21
	8	Albion	45	48
	10	W'ville	44	43
	17	LaGrange	53	42
	22	Ligionier	32	31
	22	Wawaka	34	45

ACTIVITIES

MUSIC

The high school music department got off to an early start this year by putting on the operetta "Bobby" with David Yoder and Patty Bender playing leading roles. In November the Shipshewana Community Chorus, under the sponsorship of the music department, began rehearsals for the annual presentation of Handel's "The Messiah" which took place on December 18 last year. The high school band made its first appearance at the first home basketball game of the season and played for each home game throughout the year. The band and choruses from the high school, junior high, and the grades joined forces in preparing Christmas music for the grade operetta "Susanna's Christmas Auction". Several nights later the high school and junior high school chorus spent a very enjoyable evening singing carols for friends in the community.

During the second semester, the music department maintained its active schedule. Several students entered the state contest in February with vocal and instrumental solos, receiving ratings of "excellent" and "superior". Early in the month of April the band and chorus gave a full evening's concert for the public. Many solos and ensemble groups added variety and interest to the program. Several weeks later the band and chorus joined with other musical groups in the county to present a colorful county music festival. The final appearances for band and chorus came with the commencement activities. With this a very enjoyable and profitable year of music was brought to a close.

GLEE CLUB

Back Row: Lauretta Bender, Dolores Nelson, Phyllis Nelson, Ralph Rheinheimer, DeWayne Bontrager, Bill Haarer, Mervin Hostetler, Harriet Himes, Margaret Miller, Mary Jo Bontrager, Pianist.
Middle Row: Mr. Weaver, Janet Yoder, Susan Baker, Jewel Miller, Rose Ann Nelson, Rollin Schrock, Samuel Haarer, Philip Fox, Rachel Austin, Rachel Lambright, Mary Etta Mishler, Sharon Weirich, Verda Carpenter, Gertrude Austin.
Front Row: Lois Yoder, Nelda Brandeberry, Montey Bowman, Alverda Glick, Norman Heminger, Pat Bender, Shirley Antonides, Rachel Dillon, Doris Lambright, Carolyn Brandeberry, Esther Yoder.

BAND

Back Row: Mary Jo Bontrager, Montey Bowman, Lauretta Bender, Phyllis Nelson, Dolores Nelson, Lois Yoder, Jewel Miller, Susan Baker.
Middle Row: Mr. Weaver, Doug Gruber, Maragret Miller, Malcolm Prough, David Yoder, John Nelson, Harriet Himes, Terry Yoder.
Front Row: Pat Bender, Sarah Ann McCally, Ruth Mae Dillon, Betty Mishler, Corrine Schlabach, Alverda Glick, Maurice Berky, Norman Heminger.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Back Row: Samuel Haarer, DeWayne Bontrager, Mervin Hostetler, David Yoder, John Nelson, Francis Hooley, Robert Yoder
Front Row: Jewel Miller, Margaret Miller, Mary Jo Bontrager, Vivian Hart, Pat Bender, Nelda Brandeberry, Janet Foltz, Sue Ann Miller

The purposes of this organization are as follows: 1. to develop student responsibility, initiative, leadership, and school pride. 2. to promote worthy citizenship training. 3. to provide for pupil expression. 4. to provide a working model of a government unit under which each student will live. 5. to promote welfare of the school through proper student faculty relationship.

Two of the activities sponsored by the Student Council were a magazine drive and a Courtesy Week. The magazine drive was used to earn money to buy new books and pictures for our new library and Courtesy Week was sponsored to improve habits of courtesy in the school, home and community. During that week members of the Student Council gave talks on the different phases of courtesy.

HI-Y

Back Row: Mr. Mathias, Sponsor; Merlin Miller, DeWayne Bontrager Bob Mishler, Bud Hart, Leroy Sharick, Mertin Austin.
Front Row: Jim Miller, John Nelson, David Yoder, Dick Troyer, Roger Krugh, Rollin Schrock.

The local Hi-Y was under the following officers for the year of 1949-50:

DeWayne Bontrager---President
Bob Mishler---------Vice-President
John Nelson---------Secretary
Rollin Schrock------Treasurer

In attempting to carry out the motto of the Hi-Y "to create, Maintain, and extend throughout the school and community high standards of Christain character", the local boys have completed a number of projects. First, they undertook the 1949 district convention, during which they played host to some one-hundred officers, members, and sponsors of Hi and Tri-Hi-Y clubs from LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, and DeKalb counties. Highlights of the convention were impressive devotions by the local clubs, song-fests, group discussions, and the banquet. The convention was sponsored in conjunction with the local Tri-Hi-Y club.

The Hi-Y has also attempted to be of community and national service. At the Concord-Shipshe game the Hi-Y boys passed the blanket to aid the March of Dimes to fight infantile paralysis. They netted a total of $27.50. In order to show thanks to our creator the boys gave a basket of food to a needy family at Thanksgiving.

Back Row: Miss Yeater, Sponsor; Mary Lou Prough, Maragret Miller Mary Jo Bontrager, Harriet Himes, Donna Bowman, Phyllis Nelson.
Front Row: Dolores Nelson, Lauretta Bender, Alverda Glick, Lois Yoder, Pat Bender.
New members not on picture: Nelda Brandeberry, Doris Lambright, Mary Etta Mishler, and Montey Bowman.

The local Tri-Hi-Y was under the following officers for the year of 1949-50:

Mary Jo Bontrager-----President
Patricia Bender-------Vice-President
Lauretta Bender-------Secretary
Dolores Nelson--------Treasurer

The Tri-Hi-Y club is a sister organization of the Hi-Y club and is also a branch of the state Y.M.C.A. It is an organization for girls who seek self-improvement and who wholeheartedly accept the purpose of the club which is stated in the constitution thus: "To create, maintain, and extend throughout the home, school and community high standards of Christian character".

The goals of the Tri-Hi-Y this year have been to help the individual members to develop an adequate Christain philosophy of life, to develop talent, and to be of school, community, and world service. Two projects designed to be of service to the school were the sponsoring of a convocation speaker, Mr. Charles Ainlay, and a film entitled "The Last Days of Pompeii." One of the major projects of the Tri-Hi-Y this year was a church service during Lent. The religious film entitled "Beyond Our Own" was ordered for this service and a free will offering was taken for world relief.

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ALUMNI

Below is a ten-year review of those graduating from Shipshewana High School during the past half century.

1900

Beulah Davis (Oxender)
Katie Miller (Hostetler)
Maud Yoder (Bechtel)
H. J. Bontrager
Milo Summey
*Claude Wolfe
*James Murray

1910

Loney Yoder
*Katie Mishler (Yoder)
Lester Yoder
Clarence Johnson
Hazel Hirst (Miller)
*Ida Sthal (Sanderson)

1920

Irene Farver (Artely)
Malinda Bevington (Diller)
Leola Howard (Murray)
Elva Yoder (Prough)
Catherine Miller(Bolyard)
Glenola Miller (Mishler)
Bessie Troyer (Gannon)
Raymond Prough
Howard Troyer
Willard Yoder

1930

Sarah Davis
Noel Simpson
Vada Weaver (Wisler)
Edmond Allison
Esther Davis(English)
Charles Oxender
Alpha Yoder (Buzzard)
Kathryn Yoder (Fireoved)
Sylvia Bontrager
Vernon Miller
Edward Ditzenberger
Mary Woodworth (Oesch)
Pauline Miller (Hooley)
Neva Schlabach (Seagly)

1940

Robert Allen
* Conrad Baker
Jean Hostetler (Hawk)
Eleanor Lint (Wert)
Agnes Miller (Riegseiker)
Ralph Yoder
Ruby Yoder
Victor Shank
Robert Miller
Lois Mishler (Haarer)
Karl Mishler
Vernon Mishler
Harvey Prough
Irene Wilson
Albert Smith
Janette Todd
Philip Spreuer
Genevieve Troyer
Floyd Rheinheimer
Margaret Easterday (Simpson)
Anna Grace Miller (Hooley)

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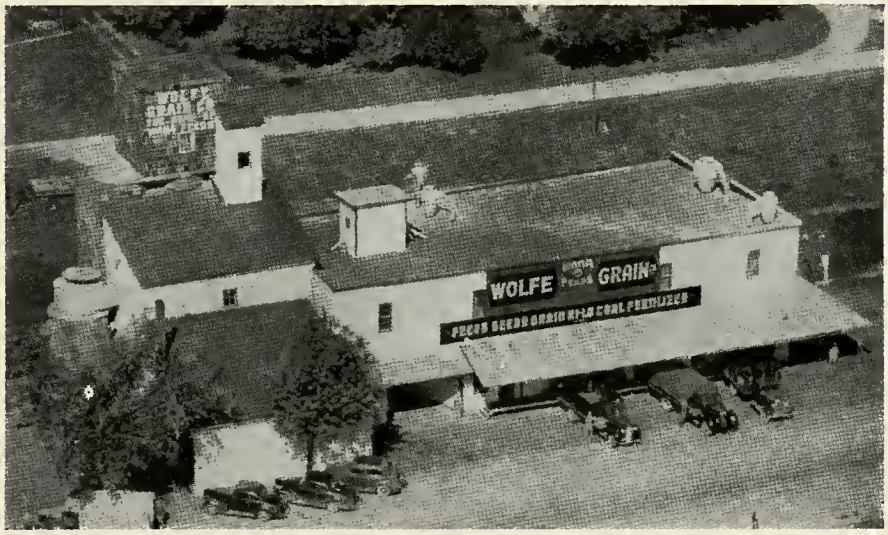

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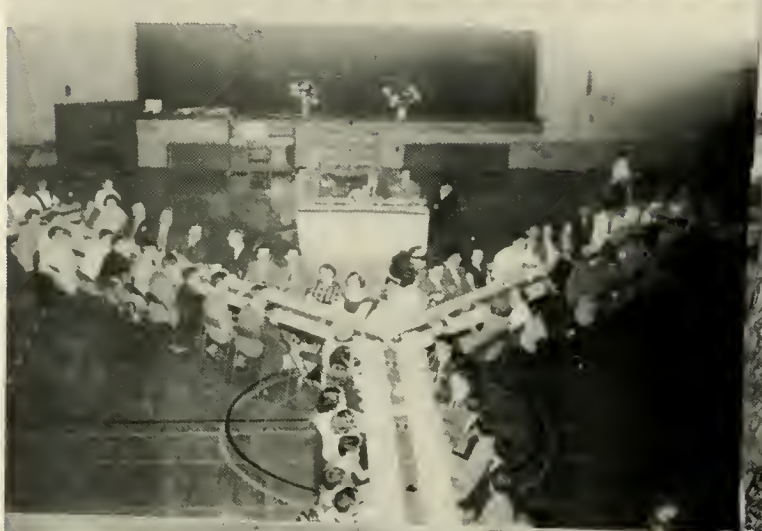

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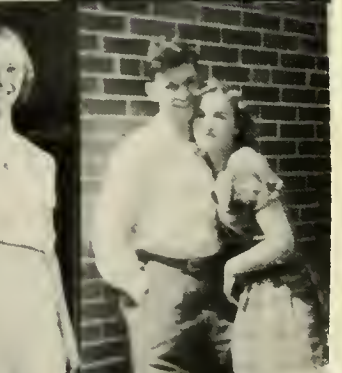

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